

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115

Formal Matters

Claims 1-16 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 8 and 16 are amended.

The amendment to claim 1 is supported at page 28, line 13.

The amendment to claim 3 is formal in nature and corrects a clerical error.

The amendment to claim 4 is supported at page 6, line 11.

The amendment to claim 8 is supported at page 6, line 33.

The amendment to claim 16 is supported at page 19, line 24.

The Abstract has been amended and the amendments are supported at page 28, lines 13-14.

As a formal matter the paragraphs from page 10, line 9 to page 20, line 2 have been moved to page 8, line 34 immediately before the “Brief Description of the Drawings” without changing the subject matter of the paragraphs moved.

Amendments have also been made to the specification to correct clerical errors and those amendments and support therefore are described below.

The title has been amended to better describe the invention and is supported throughout the specification. If for any reason the Examiner believes that a different title should be used applicants will be amenable to discussing changes.

The amendments at page 3, line 28 are supported at page 3, lines 5-6 and lines 29-30.

The amendments at page 5, lines 20-21 are supported at page 5, lines 7-9.

The amendments at page 5, line 30 are supported at page 28, lines 13-14.

The amendments at page 6, lines 1-8 are supported at page 29, line 18.

The amendments at page 8, line 3 are supported at page 19, line 24.

The amendments at page 12, line 8 are clerical in nature in that the term “flk-1” is a synonym for KDR and as such those skilled in the art would recognize that it would be incorrect to refer to flk-1 as a promoter.

The amendments at page 12, line 19 are supported at page 3, line 7, lines 11-12 and page 18, lines 13-14.

The amendments at page 17, lines 27-28 provide further clarification and no new matter is added as would be apparent to those skilled in the art reading the changes.

The amendments to page 17, line 36 and to page 18, line 1 are supported in view of page 17, lines 27-28.

Amendments at page 24, line 1 correct a clerical error.

Amendments at page 24, line 27 are supported at page 26, line 10.

Amendments at page 24, line 31 are supported at page 24, lines 32-33.

Amendments at page 25, line 24; page 26, line 7; page 26, line 10; and page 26, line 21 are supported at page 28, lines 13-14.

Amendments at page 27, line 19 are supported within Figure 12.

Amendments at page 28, lines 26-27 are supported at page 28, line 23.

No new matter has been added.

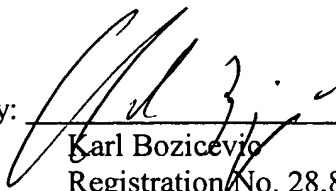
Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number SHIM-019.

Respectfully submitted,
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